

REMARKS

The Office Action of February 23, 2005 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 15-24 were rejected as being anticipated by Patel. The Office Action stated in part: "The examiner regrets that the Patel reference was not published until after his previous action and therefore could not be applied previously."

The priority date of the present application is the filing date of its parent application, October 2, 1998. This date precedes the priority date of Patel, December 8, 1998. Accordingly, Patel is not prior art with respect to the present claims.

Allowance of claims 15-24 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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